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SUBJ: ILO - ELECTION GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN

1. LA CANDIDATE MUNOZ- LEDO ON JUNE 28 ELECTED CHAIRMAN
GB FOR 1973-74 TERM OVER U. S. S. R. CANDIDATE GOROCHKIN
BY VOTE OF 26-20 WITH ONE BLANK BALLOT.

2. SECRET BALLOT CONDUCTED AFTER NOMINATIONS AND ONE EACH
SECONDING SPEECHES. THIS RELATIVELY QUICK PROCESS
WAS IN CONTRAST TO MORNING MEETING OF GOVERNMENT
GROUP OF GB. THESE 2 1/2 HOURS OF DEBATE ENSUED OVER
ISSUES OF GEOGRAPHIC ROTATION AND DESIRABILITY
OF LETTING U. S. S. R. HAVE OFFICE. OF INTEREST WAS FRG SECONDING
OF USSR CANDIDATE IN GOVT. GROUP.

3. EUROPEANS TENACIOUSLY STUCK TO CLAIM THAT EUROPEAN
DECISION LAST YEAR TO AVOID CONTEST BETWEEN TWO
CANDIDATES (FRG AND 7. S. S. R) AND SUBSTITUTE CANADIAN
WAS ONLY A POSTPONEMENT OF EUROPE' S TURN. LA' S ARGUED
STRONGLY THAT LAST YEAR' S DECISION TAKEN WITHOUT
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND THAT SO
FAR AS LA' S CONCERNED RUOPE FORFEITED ITS TURN LAST
YEAR.

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4. SUPPORTERS OF U. S. S. R. WHICH HAD NEVER HELD POST.

5. USDEL INTERVENED TO POINTOUT THAT LA HAD RIGHT TO CONTEST EUROPEAN REGION FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. FURTHERMORE USDEL POINTED OUT THAT WHILE USG HAD RESPECT FOR PERSONALITY AND ABILITY OF U. S. S. R. CANDIDATE MR. GOROCHKIN, USG HAD FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES WITH THE APPROACH OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO ILO PRINCIPLES.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO ELECTION, FRENCH GOVERNMENT REP PARODI SAID THAT QUESTION OF EUROPE' S TURN HAD TO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED, AND PENDING SUCH EXAMINATION HE RESERVED HIS POSITION COMPLETELY. AFRICANS (COFFIE- DAVIES, GHANA GOVERNMENT) TOOK FIRM POSITION THAT 1974-75 IS AFRICA' S TURN.

7. WALINE (FRENCH) SPEAKING FOR EMPLOYERS SAID DISCUSSION OF WHOSE TURN IT IS, IMPELLED HIM TO STATE THAT IT WOULD BE PROPOER TO CONSIDER ELECTION OF A WORKER OR EMPLOYER AS CHAIRMAN OF GB.

8. FOGGAM (CAMEROON) SPEAKING FOR WORKERS SAID HE AGREED WITH WALINE, AND THAT WORKERS MIGHT NOMINATE THEIR CANDIDATE NEXT YEAR. BASSIN

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